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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040325.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-13 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 6, and 11 are independent claims. The Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 25, 2004 has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

- **Claim 1** terminates with a semi-colon instead of a period. All claims must terminate with a period.
- In **claim 8**, "the third icon" lacks antecedent basis.
- In **claim 13**, "the third icon" lacks antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Slivka et al. (hereinafter Slivka), United States Patent number 6,061,695.

Regarding claim 1, Slivka teaches a menu displaying method (desktop) (see column 2 lines 1-5), comprising displaying first icon made of symbol image (desktop

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icon before theme change) (see column 2 lines 5-12); selecting a picture to be displayed as wallpaper (see column 2 lines 13-17); changing the first icon to second icon made of a function name and outline (desktop icon after theme change); displaying the second icon with the selected picture (desktop icon after theme change). Slivka teaches that users can select a theme for the desktop environment, which will change the desktop's wallpaper and the icons displayed on the wallpaper (see column 2 lines 35-52).

Regarding claim 3, Slivka teaches storing a function name and a geometrical pattern, and changing the first icon to third icon made of a function name and a geometrical pattern. The icons displayed on the desktop of Slivka each show a textual "function name". Furthermore, it is inherent that icons are capable of depicting a "geometrical pattern" (see Figure 6).

Claims 6 and 8 recite a communication apparatus with substantially the same limitations as claims 1 and 3, respectively. Therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 7, and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slivka.

Regarding claim 2, Slivka teaches all the elements of claim 2 except capturing picture from camera to be used as wallpaper. Official Notice is taken that capturing a picture from a camera to be used as a wallpaper image was well known in the art at the time the invention was made.

Claim 7 recites a communication apparatus with substantially the same limitations as claim 2. Therefore claim 7 is rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 11-13 recite a communication apparatus with substantially the same limitations as claim 2-4. Therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slivka in view of Lee et al. (hereinafter Lee), United States Patent Application number 2005/0010872.

Regarding claims 4 and 5, Slivka teaches all the elements of claims 4 and 5 except for the changing the first icon to first geometrical pattern when the icon is in non-selectable state and changing first icon to second geometrical pattern when the icon is in selectable state. Lee teaches displaying variations in color and shape of the icons to distinguish enabled and disabled icons (see paragraph [0022]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the displaying variations in color and shape of the icons of Lee with the desktop display of Slivka in order to provide notification of which items are selectable to users.

Claims 9 and 10 recite a communication apparatus with substantially the same limitations as claims 4 and 5, respectively. Therefore the claims are rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Alvesteffer whose telephone number is (571) 270-1295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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